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LOK SABHA

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COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS WITH NRIs
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed different collaborative projects with NRI's;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received so far; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (c): A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2242 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.08.2007

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS WITH NRIs

Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) has two projects with NRIs (Overseas Indians).

1. AAPI − India Health Initiative:

Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) to implement health care pilot projects in Andhra Pradesh and Bihar. The focus of the projects will be to implement innovative and best practices to enhance access to healthcare, extend education and training for promoting preventive healthcare practices, and initiate capacity building in the community to ensure the prescribed standards of healthcare are achieved.

2. Person of Indian Origin (PIO) University:

The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) has proposed establishment of a Person of Indian Origin (PIO) / NRI University as a deemed University under section 3 of the UGC Act, with investment from Overseas Indian Societies / Trusts having experience in the field of education. A screening committee has been constituted by the Ministry to scrutinize the proposals received in this connection.